GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LAND OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing trend of non-tribals getting married to tribal girls and usurping their land, depriving the tribals from land rights all over the country and especially in tribal dominated areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government has decided to bring any law to banning transfer of tribal land to non-tribals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the land of tribals which manifest their culture and traditions?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) to (d) No specific instance has come to the notice of this Ministry. However, `Land` being a State Subject, most of the State Governments have enacted laws for prevention of alienation of tribal land. Moreover, the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 4601-4602/96 had upheld restrictions on the transfer of tribal land. Relevant extracts of the judgment have been circulated to the States for strict adherence.